

Testimony for SCR153 / SR83 Supporting The Divided We Fail Campaign

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TO: Senate Committee on Health
Sen. David Ige, Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs & Military Affairs
Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair

DATE: March 28, 2008
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1:30 p.m.

RE: SCR 153 / SR 83 SUPPORTING THE DIVIDED WE FAIL CAMPAIGN

Chairs Ige, Chun Oakland, Inouye and members of the committees:

My name is Leona Perezca, a member of AARP. I strongly support SCR 153 and SR 83.

Divided We Fail is AARP's national effort to raise the voices of millions of Americans who believe that access to affordable, quality health care and lifetime financial security are the most pressing domestic issues facing our nation. Together, we are calling for action and answers from our nation's leaders to find common-sense, bipartisan solutions that recognize that individuals, business and government each have a role and a responsibility in providing access to affordable, quality health care and lifetime financial security.

You may also be interested to know that Hawaii was the first state in the nation to have their entire Congressional delegation endorse the Congressional Divided We Fail Platform in 2007.

Hawaii's people should have the peace of mind that comes with knowing that their futures will be financially secure. Yet many Hawaii residents worry about their health and long-term financial security. For many, the American dream is eroding along with this security. We can't let this happen. We must act now and if we don't, the next generation will be the first in American history to be less well off than their parents.

We ask that you please work to find common ground to seek health care and financial solutions that we all need in Hawaii and the Nation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.